

REMARKS

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 3-7, 10 and 12-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because claim 7 elements (2) and (3) were asserted to contradict claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments have rendered this rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection should be withdrawn.

Finally, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Action's assertion that Applicants did not traverse the Election of Species requirement. Applicants did traverse this Requirement. Upon indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants will seek rejoinder of withdrawn claims as appropriate.

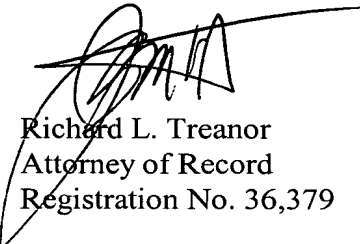
Application No. 10/091,317

Response to Office Action dated November 28, 2003

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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